

Abstract Of The Disclosure

5 Apparatus and methods for treatment of stroke are
provided. In a preferred embodiment, the present
invention disposes at least one catheter having a distal
occlusive member in either the common carotid artery
(CCA) or both the vertebral artery (VA) and the CCA on
10 the hemisphere of the cerebral occlusion. Blood flow in
the opposing carotid and/or vertebral arteries may be
inhibited. Retrograde or antegrade flow may be provided
through either catheter independently to effectively
control cerebral flow characteristics. Under such
15 controlled flow conditions, a thrombectomy device may be
used to treat the occlusion, and any emboli generated are
directed into the catheter(s).